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Luxuries Mark of Civilization

By ADA MAY KRECHER

It is a pleasant reflection that the world is growing more beautiful. Perhaps, we need the historical perspective for the past and a prophetic eye for the future in order to realize this happy fact. But at any rate it is there.

Julia Ward Howe says that women are progressing in different ways now than formerly. They used to have the more polish. Now they have the more knowledge.

The beauty of cities changes, too, with the times. In the olden days they had a great deal of luxury and loveliness that, after all, was distinctly uncomfortable.

There are few of us who would exchange spring mattresses, contemporary bath fixtures, electric light, heat, and transportation, telephones and telegraphs, Pullman sleepers, automobiles, Wright's airship, and the Lusitania for even the beauty that was Greece and the glory and grandeur that was Rome.

The beauty that was Greece and the glory that was Rome included dripping tallow candles at magnificent banquets. Every civilization builds on the foundations of science, discovery and invention. Beauty comes as a superstructure, limited by a degree of development of these homely arts. Every civilization is first utilitarian and acquires the esthetic quality only as the culture ripens, just as every day begins with work and ends with recreation. Greece and Rome represent an earlier civilization than ours. When the present culture has reached the bloom and fruit time—it has finished its foundation drudgery—the esthetic superstructure may be expected to transcend everything the world has yet known. Our workaday science far surpasses the science of the Greeks and Romans, and our art will be its match.

There was a lot of decorative top to the old civilizations, but the basic needs were scandalously overlooked in contrast to our sturdy modern ways. We insist upon being clean, and comfortable, and convenient, and if we can be pretty too, well and good, so much the better. And in our chosen aims we have been conspicuously successful. Our city is a bear us witness.

That is one of our modern luxuries, to give the comfort to all. In the historical perspective we have ready have done so. All the grandeur of Athens persisted to but ten per cent, or less of the inhabitants. The rest were slaves. Our poor are emancipated. They are enfranchised. They are dressed and housed as never before. Still it is only at the foundations yet. Beauty for beauty's sake is only a-borning. No smoke, but grace, and green, and bloom in our streets, elegance and grace in the architecture of our business buildings, lovely coloring and daintiness, musical sounds instead of noises, are coming to-morrow.



Godliness Pays Good Dividends

By REV. THOS. EDWARD BARR, Milwaukee.

When a man turns to follow God he need not expect a change in the outward conditions of his life. He is still in the world, is subject to its laws and is part of its life. He must eat and sleep, labor and deny himself and take his share of all life about him—just as truly as before. He is not, because trying to live a godly life, set free from contingency. The unexpected may still disarrange his plans and blight his hopes, and bring sorrow to his heart. He is not immune to earthly ills. Drought and storm and earthquake may take away his property, sickness may lay hold upon him, or treachery rob his joy, and death will not always leave him untouched, though he is a son of God.

He can not, because of his godliness, be sure of worldly prosperity. His godliness will make him diligent and honest in the use of his talents. But godliness does not create business acumen and executive ability. Abiding large success with honor is the reward of the godly use of great business talents. In all these things the man of God is a part of the world and shares in its life as before.

The difference is in what his experience means to him and does for him. The godly man can not rest in a superficial view of life or be happy in a selfish use of it. He learns the emptiness of life without God, the folly of dishonest and disloyal courses. The object of this discipline is the effect upon the world—that part of it which belongs to each one. By this discipline, when patiently and cheerfully followed, the perturbed spirits of society are tranquillized. Security in service is the panacea for unrest, evil desire, fears, social disorders.

Thomas Edward Barr

Don't let this year be a year of "Don'ts." Let it be a year of affirmations—not of negation—and of adequate advertising.

What's the Matter With the United States.

This poor, unfortunate, down-trodden nation only produced seven billion seven hundred million dollars' worth of farm produce this year and nearly twice as much wheat as any other country in the world, enough corn, wheat, oats and chickens to put a hundred dollars in the pocket of every man, woman and child within its borders!

In 1906, the latest year for which statistics are available, we produced more gold and silver combined than any other country in the world. Every year since then the output has increased, until now the world does not produce but little more than twice as much as the United States alone.

This year the prairies of Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and New Mexico yielded a crop of grass that has never been known to be more rich.

And from Dakota to the Mexican line the great food army of cattle marched over three million strong into Kansas City and Chicago alone! It is fair to estimate that there was nearly a whole beef (latest census 69 million) for every man, woman and child in the United States; almost twice as much as every one could eat.

Sitting here, in our little upper corner of the East, so many people feel that our world of finance is being overturned with every little flurry of the street; that our nation is burdened with more than she can bear.

We do not seem to realize in this vast country of America that we haven't even cut the trees nor built the roads.

Seven billion seven hundred million dollars in a farm harvest alone, and yet scarcely a mentionable part of this country has ever been touched with a plow. Indeed, over 500 million acres are not even surveyed.

Down in Texas, in Nevada, Colorado, up in Montana, cattle men standing guard over their living wealth are as far out of touch of civilization as a ship at sea. Around them sweeps an area of hundreds of miles of plain and plateau mountain and ravine, with seldom even the sight of a human abode. All rich ground, fallow to the plow, waiting for the seed.

Out in Nevada, college men leaving the western coast tramp into the deserts as fully expectant of finding gold as they have been before of finding knowledge in their classic halls.

This poor, down-trodden nation, so rich that the poorest of us would be well-to-do to any European peasant; this little handful of 80 million men and women could be lost in India, Russia or China, or scattered through Europe like a hopper of grain in a played field. This handful of population carrying the wealth of the world in its pockets set up a terrible cry of alarm a year ago when somebody overturned the ink pot and got things black.

It's time to forget that incident; doubly time. The best Christmas present we can give ourselves is a new determination to roll up our sleeves and go to work.

Your store is not greater than its advertising—and never will be.

Old Resident Found Dead.

George Sherman, living southwest of this place, was found dead today on the Robert Yerkes farm. Mr. Sherman had been in poor health for some time, and Wednesday afternoon was missed by his family. An immediate search was started and his body was finally located. Mr. Sherman was an old and respected resident of this vicinity.

Novi.

The Christmas tree was a fine success, both churches cemetered for the occasion, and the exercises were the best Novi has had for a long time. The presents were both numerous and useful.

E. C. Holmes and son Will spent Christmas at Kalamazoo with the former's sister, Mrs. Richardson.

Dr. Holcomb and family spent Christmas with the Rev. Dupois, of Walpole Lake.

Mr. Holmes and family and E. Everett and family spent Christmas at the Rev. E. Cason's.

L. Miller and son Charles spent Christmas with Mrs. Stella Miller.

Seymour Demereaux, Mrs. Hollis and Mrs. Emma Smith have returned from a visit to Flint.

Mrs. Herman Smith moved to Flint last week.

R. Thompson has moved into the hotel.

Hert Wick has moved into the Smith house.

Mrs. W. Francis visited her daughters Mrs. P. Simmons and Mrs. Grant Wilkinson, last week.

A large, high top, solid walnut, six octave organ, like new, \$35. One organ at \$18, and another at \$32, suitable for church or school. GRINNELL BROS., Pontiac.

What Are You Going to Do With Your New Year.

The year 1909 is to be your year—your own personal property, more subject to your will, to your purposes, to your personal impression than any other year has been.

The size of your business at this moment is a fact which has taken shape and form. You are the prisoner, in a way, of that fact—whatever it is, pleasant or painful. But—what your business is to be like at the end of the year 1909 is still an open question, which you alone can decide. The conditions surrounding you are largely subject to your will—if your will is strong and unafraid. The clay is ready to your hands—you can shape it as you like. In building your business to dreamed-of proportions, you have the potent force of advertising to work with—to help you dominate, to help you rule during your year—to help you to be, at its end, the "boss" of a bigger business than you could build up in five years without its help.

The Right of Way

Has to be given Harrell's Condition Powders, which for over seven years has been the standard of perfection. Why? Because every ounce and particle of the ingredients do their share towards contributing to the quality of the stock to which the powder is given. You should not fail to try this stock food and we feel sure that after a few days, you will notice a wonderful change in the stock. Get a package at the nearest drug store. Price, 25 cents. Sold by T. H. McGee.

Church Notes

METHODIST.
Morning service, 10:30 to 11:30.
Sunday school, 11:30 to 12:30.
Epworth League, 6 to 7 p. m.
Evening service 7 to 8.
Prayer meeting, 7 to 8 p. m. Thursday.

BAPTIST.
Services at the Baptist church as usual: Sunday school at 1:30 p. m. and preaching services at 2:30 p. m., local time. Pray service Friday evening at 7:30.

Rev. N. E. Musser, Pastor.
GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH.
There will be a New Year's service at Clarenceville at the usual morning service time. On Sunday there will be service at the usual time at the Farmington Church.

Farmington Postoffice.

MAIL SERVICE.
M. B. Pierce, Postmaster.

Mails arrive at 8:05 a. m. and 5:05 p. m. Depart at 7:50 a. m. and 3:50 p. m.
Rural Route No. 1—Will Sprague
Rural Route No. 2—Clyde Adams
Rural Route No. 3—Lynnan Sprague
Rural carriers leave the F. O. at 8:30.
The following letters remain unclaimed for at the Farmington post office.
First claimed before Jan. 1st will be sent to the dead letter office:
Fred Robinson, Andrew McCallan, Charlie Maskell, Harrison Long.
M. B. PIERCE, P. M.

WANT LINERS

RATES—5 cents a line for first insertion, 3 cents a line for each subsequent insertion.

For Sale—A nearly new, small size heating stove. Mrs. W. J. Mills.

For Sale—2 well bred Jersey cows and three pigs.
FRED M. WALKER.

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Wood for Sale—Call on C. W. Roeliger, Phone 3824.

\$25.00 Fine for anyone found hunting or carrying firearms on the R. L. Heiker farm. C. L. Heiker.

Street and Stable Blankets from 75c to \$6.50 at H. W. Lee's.

For Sale—Yearling Holstein Bull, eligible to register. C. H. Eddy.

Joshua Hill, H. P. Messenger, President, Vice-President.

F. L. Perry, Cashier.

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Pontiac, Mich.

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Cramer Smith, Cashier.

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Pontiac, Mich.

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Farmington Chapter No. 239 O. E. S.—Regular meetings on Friday night on or after full moon of each month, at Masonic Hall. Visitors welcome. Mrs. Minnie Hogle, W. M.; Miss Ada Bond, Sec.

GORTON'S EXPANSION SALE.

The buying opportunity we present is appreciated. We knew a "Gorton Sale" would have to be successful. We felt our reputation for sincerity and honest dealings was such that any sale announcement we might make would be taken in good faith.

Absolutely without exception every SUIT, OVERCOAT, VEST and TROUSERS in our Men's and Boys' Clothing Department is included in this sale at

A Bonafide Discount of 25 to 30 Per Cent.

No old shopworn accumulations and left over sizes purchased in anticipation of a sale. They're "Gorton Quality" garments, tailored and finished in the particular manner the "Gorton Store" demands, and positively guaranteed to fit and satisfy. IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO SAVE MONEY.

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